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SUBJECT: GOSL VIEWS ON QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN
MEMBERSHIP IN UN

1. DURING DISCUSSION OF OTHER SUBJECTS TODAY WITH LYNCH-SHYLLON, PERMSEC EXTAF, WE TOUCHED ON THE ISSUE OF SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS AT UNGA. LYNCH-SHYLLON VOLUNTEERED THAT PRESIDENT STEVENS WAS A FIRM BELIEVER IN DIALOGUE AND HE, LYNCH-SHYLLON BELIEVED IT TO BE THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW THAT TO EXPEL SOUTH AFRICAN FROM THE UNGA WOULD GREATLY COMPLICATE A FINAL SOLUTION TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION AS WELL AS SETTING A MOST UNHEALTHFUL PRECEDENT. LYNCH-SHYLLON WHO HAS BEEN AT SEVERAL UNGAS CONFIRMED THAT THIS WAS ALSO HIS VIEW.

2. LYNCH-SHYLLON WILL JOIN THE GOSL DELEGATION AT UNGA IN ABOUT TEN DAYS TIME. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL WHEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION SURFACES TO REMIND OR ENCOURAGE HIM TO RETAIN THIS POINT OF VIEW.
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